

Action Idea Implementation Team - Student Lounge
AGENDA FOR MEETING 1: GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

Meeting - 5/28/09 4:36 PM

Meeting Length: 1 1/2 HOUR

Present: Chris McCall, David Bradley, Nick Martinez, Richard Sebastiani, James Duvall, Cynthia Santos, Lourdes Ledesma, Michelle Falcon, Delecia Vallot

Absent: Sylvia Medellin Asst. Director Academic Advising
Juan Montoya UHD Student Veterans Organization President
Kimberly Ferguson, Community member

I. Introduction of group members

Chris McCall Asst VP, Facilities Mgt
David Bradley VP, Administration & Finance
Nick Martinez, UHD Campus Activities Board President
Richard Sebastiani, Director Sports & Fitness
James Duvall, UHD Alumnus
Delecia Vallot, UHD student
Michelle Falcon, Asst Director, Student Activities, UHD Alumna
Cynthia Santos, Registrar and UHD Alumna
Lourdes Ledesma, Asst Registrar, and UHD Alumna

II. Discussed the following questions - what has been your experience with Student Lounge/Center at UHD

The question led to a lot of discussion about the old Game Room on the 2nd floor and the Student Lounge on the 3rd floor. Six team members were at UHD when these areas existed and were able to discuss the impact each area had. It has been about five years since the Game Room closed at UHD. The decision to close the Game Room was based on a number of factors – it struggled to operate in a financially self-sustaining manner, it appealed to a relatively small percentage of the total student body and, more than anything, it was decided that the space could be better used to support core Student Activities operations. The Student Lounge on the 3rd floor was always very popular, and its closing came as a great disappointment to many. However, when the decision was made to renovate the south side of the 3rd floor (One Main Bldg) to create a ‘one-stop’ student services center, it had to be surrendered.

III. Exploring Ideas of possible locations for the lounge - Space

- Bookstore location (contract ends approx 1 ½ yr)
Includes Parking Office and Info Center area
- 2nd floor garage parking (Gold area)

IV. UHD students have always congregated on the 3rd floor of the One Main Building. The team acknowledges this point and takes this into consideration when examining possible locations for the lounge/center and also acknowledges that “no one size fits all” with regards to a student lounge.

V. Team members talked about various aspects

James (5 years at UHD alum) - hoping to see lounge as a hangout. Other schools have places to hang out, with tables, chairs, TV to watch soccer.

Lourdes - lounge brings people together.

David - Resident life is often the foundation for developing student ‘sense of community’

Lourdes – It’s been five years that students are used to not having anything

Nick - have activities such as pool table, guitar hero

David - McCall’s idea take bookstore, info center, copy center, parking could put in convenience store open to serve lounge area place to go after 7 pm. Encourage people to stay around past 7 pm. Convenience store that opens up into lounge.

Nick- have to have pockets, 2-3 TVs, sports, music area with drums, keyboards, people make their own music, games, quiet area, survey- incoming freshmen

David agreed to survey idea.

Lourdes - gator fest, what is SAE doing

Cynthia - 1st orientation June 9?

David - immediate opportunity is bookstore contract. Gives time to plan. UHD could consider moving bookstore to Gold parking area.

Nick suggested moving/creating lounge in gold parking.

Lourdes - asked committee members for ideas for next meeting for a student lounge/ student union.

David - create a Welcome Center beneath a new staff/faculty parking garage.

Richard - give up SLC turn to student union, SLC move to new facility. SLC- Student programming, SAE

David - retro fit space, have outgrown SLC space. Don't want to give current space up until you have a replacement ready for move-in.

Lourdes- Availability for dates 3:30- 5:00 on Tuesdays. June 2, 9, 16

Lourdes- Who would be responsible. What resources are needed?

Next meeting June 2 3:30-5:00 pm. Location: TBA

Lourdes- By June 16, have proposal of what we want

Cynthia- write proposal in July. When does Dr. Lawrence want proposal?

Lourdes- How is committee going to contribute?

Nick- Student Union Fee

Cynthia- Naming rights for Student Union.

Richard - possible new SLC building, which might have a new name.

➤ Meeting convened at 5:54 pm.